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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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FROM:

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Deputy Director, Office of Program and
Budget Development, IC Staff

SUBJECT: Status of Appropriations Legislation

1. Because of the high turnover of people on and off annual leave, I thought it would be useful to review the bidding on where we stand on the authorization/appropriation/appeal process.

Authorization:

Jim Bush advises that he expects the Authorization Bill to go to the floor either Thursday or Friday of this week (17 or 18 August). By agreement between the two Houses the report cannot be released, but Jim has been very helpful in letting us use the report in his work space. Not having the final Authorization Report has been one handicap that we and Jim Fellenbaum have labored under in the last few weeks.

Appropriation:

The Snodgrass Report was received late on 9 August (about 1730 hours). It was classified and disseminated in three versions on 10 August. We asked for initial inputs by c.o.b. 18 August. Jim Fellenbaum had to mark-up without benefit of the classified HAC Report, the Authorization Conference Report, and a formal appeal from the Community. Consequently, he agreed to throw as many items into Conference as was humanly possible and expects a fairly extensive appeal from the Community to be directed to the Conferees. Fellenbaum indicated to [redacted] that he would be in full Committee mark-up this week and we could expect his report (about a two- or three-page job) to be available by Friday, 18 August.

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Appeal:

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[redacted] Jim Taylor, [redacted] all contacted me shortly after I distributed the HAC Report. They all made the same point: directing an appeal to the Conference and still meeting our 18 August deadline was a bit inconsistent since they did not know how the Senate was coming out. I advised each of them that I felt the Snodgrass Report

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probably represented the great majority of programmatic cuts which the Conference will address. I did not feel that Fellenbaum's actions would result in very many (if any) items not subject to appeal. I urged them to get inputs to us by Friday, recognizing that the record could be left open and that we could adjust if necessary. Taylor noted that the CIA appeal could not be finalized until Carlucci had bought off on it; Hill noted that they could address everything but the imagery-mix problem.

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2. To this point, I think we can anticipate having a draft for circulation by Wednesday, 23 August. If we meet that date, we should be able to expect comments and/or coordination by c.o.b. 28 August and delivery to the Conferees by 31 August. This schedule gives the Hill staffers plenty of time to consider our submission and, at the same time, provides some slack should any of the dates slip a day or two. I believe that Conference will take place during the week of 11 September. The staffs will need our appeal a full week prior to that.

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